

Senator Paul Doyle  
Representative David Baram  
General Law Committee  
Room 3500, Legislative Office Building  
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear General Law Committee:

Several state wide power outages created havoc in the state of CT for many people, especially our seniors. Subsequently, many of us purchased generators to help keep our homes warm and refrigerators running but without our local gas stations and grocery stores open, our cars, generators, refrigerators and homes become useless. This creates an especially dangerous situation for our seniors who depend on outside help for food, shelter, medicine and healthcare.

Please consider Proposed Bill No. 321 AN ACT PROVIDING INCENTIVES FOR GAS STATIONS AND GROCERY STORES TO PURCHASE EMERGENCY GENERATORS in order to assist our vital businesses, gas stations and grocery stores, even pharmacies, to maintain their services during times of wide spread power outages.

From a purely tax revenue point of view, keeping these businesses open during emergency situations, also keeps the CT Sales Tax and CT Income Tax Revenue flowing into the state. I wonder what the loss of tax revenue was to the state of CT during the last long-term power outage.

Thank you for your consideration of this Bill.

Sincerely,

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cc: Senator Kevin Witkos  
Senator John A. Kissel  
Representative Dan Carter